



MAYOR SHARPE JAMES' STATEMENT ON MILITARY PARK BUILDING

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"I congratulate the Kushner Companies and their partners on their mammoth efforts to renovate the historic Military Park Building at 60 Park Place. This building, which dates back to 1925, is a classic fixture of our city's skyline.

"In recent years, we have renovated and restored numerous historic buildings in our downtown, maintaining and upgrading their classic appearance while refurbishing them to accommodate the challenges of the new electronic economy. The result is that we have the most 'wired' city in the nation, and have become America's 'destination city' for commerce.

"Renovation of the Military Park Building is neither the beginning nor the ending of our development of Newark's downtown. We have already seen the magnificent renovation of the National Newark Building. Soon we will see the renovation of the Hahne's Building and the construction of our arena/entertainment complex. The Military Park Building is a magnificent piece of Newark's beautiful mosaic."